



STUDENTS' FATES REST IN HANDS OF GOVERNOR BROWN

**Two-tier system would
equal second-class students.**

ZAIN ABOURAIA
OPINION EDITOR

Community college students in California may have to pay even more for core classes if Gov. Jerry Brown approves a bill that has made it through the state legislature which would allow some two-year schools to offer summer extension courses that would be charged at the non-resident tuition price, about \$200 per unit.

The program would permit six designated schools: Long Beach City, Oxnard, Pasadena, Solano, College of the Canyons and Crafton Hills colleges, to offer the extension courses through four-year pilot programs. Some colleges, like Long Beach, are opting to participate, but most are not.

This is a repeat in many ways of what Santa Monica College attempted in 2012 when the school voted on its own two-tier fee system. The issue sparked massive controversy that gained nationwide attention when peaceful protests ended with police pepper-spraying students in the face.

The Board of Trustees rejected Santa Monica's plan after Chancellor Jack Scott determined that such a system would violate state education codes. However, this new bill is on the state level.

Many students are in opposition of the bill, saying it is unfair to leave low-income students behind while wealthier students get to access a fast track to transferring and graduating. Some say that the bill is the antithesis of the principle of community colleges, which should be to give poor students access to education.

"The option to pay more to jump the line says colleges openly endorse accepting bribery," said criminology major Kevin Stoudenmire. "This is not the message we should be sending out. It most certainly is not what our country was founded on."

Supporters argue that California community colleges have been hit the hardest by budget cuts and the two-tier plan would be a creative solution to allow students to attend school. Supporters also say that one-third of the tuition increases would go directly to financial aid, helping poor students afford their classes.

Gov. Brown said last fall that if California voters approved Proposition 30, a bill that raised taxes on high-income citizens to fund public education across the state, that he would not raise tuition.

The proposition did pass, and he has until mid-October to decide whether he will stand by his previous declaration or change his mind.

Even if Gov. Brown does approve the bill, each of the six specified colleges will have the choice of whether they want to participate.

Oxnard College and Pasadena City College have already decided they would not take part in the program, while Long Beach has opted to participate. Crafton Hills College wants to ask students and faculty before deciding, while Solano College and College of the Canyons did not meet enrollment requirements to qualify.

"It defeats the purpose of community college which is meant to be for the community," said film major Romina D'Allesandro, "Those with more money get a better education, which is the opposite of equal opportunities."



JAY GILLILAND | SPECIAL TO THE STAR
UPS AND DOWNS - The Monarchs were the victims of a locker-room robber during last week's game against Mount San Jacinto, which they won.

NO DEFENSE AGAINST LOCKER ROOM THIEVES

**Valley College's football
team falls victim to locker
room robbery.**

JULIO FLORES
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

In its Sept. 21 win over Mount San Jacinto, the Valley College football team wrapped up another victory, but the team's celebration was short lived when they discovered upon returning to the locker room that it had been vandalized and robbed.

"Players lost money, phones and iPads to the thieves," said head coach Larry Kerr.

"There was a significant list of

items stolen."

Jasinto Cacho, equipment manager opened the locker room at halftime and everything was in order. Lockers had been vandalized and damaged. "I came in with 5 minutes left in the fourth quarter. I passed the last row and saw lockers open, said Cacho. "I went to the other rows of lockers and saw all of them open and locks cut. I told one of the coaches who told me to go talk to the sheriff."

When the sheriff arrived, they noted that all the lockers had been vandalized and damaged,

"There were a couple of players who got hit pretty hard in the break-in," said corners and special teams coach Kyle Visciglia. "The players have done a good job of

re-focusing on football this week and focusing on things they can control and letting the authorities take care of things that the players can't control."

The sheriff's department did not allow the players to enter the locker room as they started their investigation. Then, in small groups, players entered to examine what had been taken from each locker. The opposing locker room, which the visiting team used, was not broken into, according to Kerr.

"There's such a commitment by our players this season," said Kerr. "They are starting to reap the rewards of their hard work. There's more of a team effort this year as opposed to individualism, and that is how you win, by being a team.

So it's a shame that this happened to dampen our season."

Seventy locks were cut with bolt cutters and will have to be replaced.

"I lost \$300 [in cash] and a \$300 wallet, so I'm quite upset," said wide receiver Samson Israel.

Some players were able to recover some lost belongings since the thieves in their haste left behind a bag of stolen goods.

"This really shot us down from having a great win, but I think we will use it as motivation this week," said offensive lineman Dylan Padilla.

At the time of publication, the sheriff's department's public information officer was not available for comment.

STUDENTS LEARN TO NAVIGATE THROUGH SCHOOL

**STARS helps students
become familiar with cam-
pus programs.**

LEILANI PELTZ
NEWS EDITOR

Students constantly take in copious amounts of information that they need to absorb, retain and eventually consider while continuing their path to a higher education.

The Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students offers workshops to assist not only students, but also allows for faculty and staff participation and presentations, through the long process known as college.

Last Thursday in the Library and Academic Resource Center, STARS presented Charting Your Course for Success: Navigating Through College, geared toward teaching how and where to find help. Around three dozen students and faculty members filled the chairs,

and additional seats were brought in to accommodate those who otherwise would have had to stand.

Deborah Kaye, the chair of the STARS committee, has been working on the program for five years and helps to create workshops with the STARS team, which consists of approximately 12 active members this semester.

"The committee is made up of faculty and staff who get together once a month," Kaye said. "We try to do four or five workshops in a semester, and sometimes, we repeat them because there are always new students."

The seminar brought in representatives from various departments from Valley College to speak to attendees.

Scott Weigand, the director of the Writing Center, passed out a flier with the center's listed times and discussed what kinds of work could be brought in for corrections. He emphasized that a Valley identification card is necessary at the center.

History instructor Jonathan Saxon spoke on what student drop-in hours entail.

"Whenever you see 'office hours', just know it's for you," Saxon said. "Office hours are not, 'Oh, my instructor's in his [or her] office, and that means that he or she is going to be busy.' Office hours equals student drop-in hours equals that's the window you can just drop in. No appointment needed."

Saxon also discussed the benefits of seeing instructors and had students give examples on why they should see their instructors. Reasons included receiving clarification on an assignment, getting individual attention on a rough draft for a writing assignment in person and finding out what was missed if they were out because something came up.

Other presentations were about the Associated Student Union, financial aid, what scholarships are available through the school, information on math tutoring, service learning, counseling services and

the Career/Transfer Center.

Natali Miltcharek, a sociology and communications major, has attended a few of the workshops and likes what she learns from them.

"There's a lot of information that you wouldn't necessarily get if you're not coming to the workshops, meeting new people and hearing different opportunities that the campus has [to offer]," Miltcharek said.

This workshop encouraged students to see what is out there for them and become a part of the community.

"You're going to be here for a good two or three years," Miltcharek said, "so why not make the most of it? You don't want to walk away with regrets."

The next workshop is "Study Smarter, Not Harder" on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 201 of the library.

For more information on upcoming workshops or to access the handouts from this and previous workshops, visit www.lavc.edu/stars.



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VARIETY: THE SPICE OF LIFE ON CAMPUS

Students demand more meal options besides the same food truck.

PATRICIA RIVERA
STAFF WRITER

The food truck and its never-changing menu has become much of a bore. The menu has the same items week after week, and six weeks into the semester, students are tired of it.

The food from the truck tastes good, but how long can someone eat the same food? When asked about how they felt about the food truck, students had a lot to say.

"Not that impressed," said communications major Maryann Springer. "There needs to be something [else] on campus for students while the cafeteria is being done."

There is a plan to add another food truck near the engineering building so students from both sides of campus can have easy access to food, but the problem remains.

There should be a rotation of trucks so that students can have different options for their daily meals. Some students relied on the cafeteria for their daily sustenance, and now that it is under construction, it is difficult to adjust to the limited selection of food.

The prices are not that high but neither is the quality of the food. The food truck offers burritos, sandwiches, salads and burgers, and that is about it.

Students have to venture off campus to find different options and for meals that come with sides. The hamburgers from the food truck do not come with fries or drinks so students on a budget have to venture off campus for better deals, which creates several problems: students lose their parking spots, and some just do not have the time.

There are several different types of food trucks out there, especially since it has become a fad. Valley should have a new food truck at least every month so students can experience the different types of food and so that the have a chance at having better deals.

Places like In-N-Out Burger, Carl's Jr. and Chick-fil-A offer food truck services and also have combo meals that cost roughly the same as a single hamburger—sand fries and a drink—from the food truck.

Valley students should get to choose what they eat, especially because they did not get a choice in having the cafeteria closed. Demolition of the cafeteria began Oct. 1, and there will not be a new cafeteria until the Monarch Center is complete in the middle of 2015.

APPLE DELIVERS WITH NEW PRODUCTS

Customers will be pleased by the new iteration of the Apple's iPhone 5s.

EDWARD RUANO
STAFF WRITER

Apple sold about 9 million new iPhone 5s and 5c models within three days of their launch, a streak that broke records and reassured customers about Apple's ability to design innovative products and revamp the old ones.

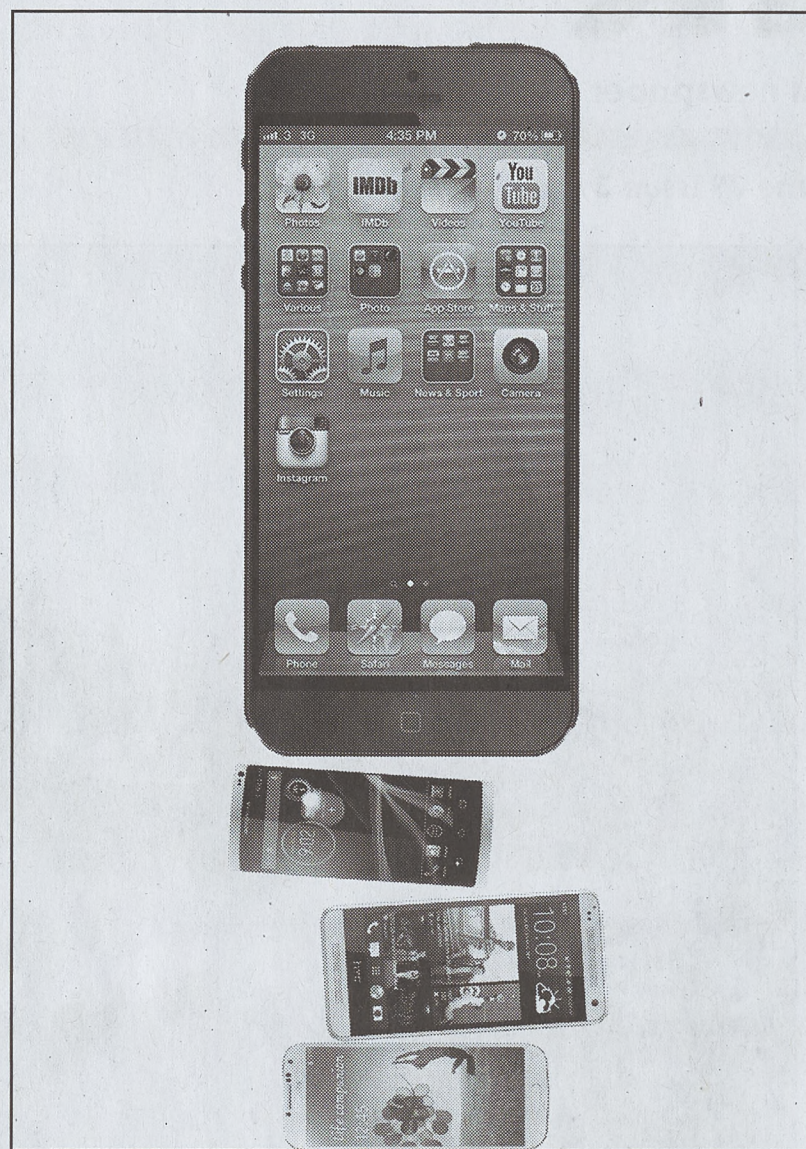
"This is our best iPhone launch yet," said Apple CEO Tim Cook. "The demand for the new iPhones has been incredible."

Visually, the iPhone 5s looks almost identical to the iPhone 5, apart from the new colors and the silver ring around the home button. Do not let that fool you, however; this phone and the iOS 7 are a big step forward for Apple, even if the changes are not immediately obvious.

The most significant update in the iPhone 5s is the security features. The phone's home button now comes with a fingerprint sensor called Touch ID.

Users need to activate the feature and can use it to access their phone without entering a password. The scanner works well and requires little effort, and users can set up the phone to recognize up to five different prints.

The camera is also worth mentioning, as it now has an increased pixel, aperture and



IPHONE 5S - The new iPhone 5s, released Sept. 17, leaves other smartphones, such as these Android models, in its wake.

sensor size. It also adds image stabilization to reduce blur from moving hands and subjects, as well as a slow-motion mode that captures 120 frames per second.

The iPhone 5s has all of the things you need in a mobile

camera and phone, but more importantly, all of its features add practical value. They are not clutter.

The biggest improvements Apple has made are in the iOS 7. It comes on both new

iPhones and as a free upgrade for recent mobile iOS devices.

It is the most sweeping makeover Apple has ever given its mobile devices, and it performs fantastically.

The new operating system strips down everything that the original iOS design had back when Steve Jobs premiered the first iPhone model. This version is clean, new, and has a polished and minimalist feel.

“The demand the new iPhones has been incredible.”

-Apple CEO Tim Cook

It is far more visually appealing than older versions. The black text, simple colors, and lots of white space add to the minimal look, while most of the new glamour is shown through the new animations and transparency effects.

Technically, the iOS 7 delivers a plethora of new, helpful features, such as Instagram-style filters built into the camera app, a cleaner looking notification center, and a control center activated by swiping up from the bottom of the screen, similar to the features found on Android phones.

The new features do require a bit of learning, but the results are worth it. If students are looking to upgrade to iOS 7, it is a good idea to set aside some time to get familiar with the system.

JUVENILES GIVEN CHANCE TO BREAK THE CHAINS

Juvenile offenders will be eligible for early parole, thanks to the approval of Senate Bill 260.

ALTON PITRE
STAFF WRITER

Our youths deserve a second chance at life. Thank you, California.

Recently, Gov. Brown signed Senate Bill 260, introduced by Democratic Sen. Loni Hancock, which offers early parole eligibility for juvenile offenders who have been sentenced to draconian prison terms. Offenders are only eligible for parole after serving 15 to 25 years, depending on the type of crime of which they were convicted.

"There is no mandate to a reduced sentence or release on parole on this bill, only the opportunity for a parole hearing," said Hancock, clarifying SB260 on her website.

"This bill gives young people hope and incentive to reform, reflect and improve their lives."

The bill will affect more than 6,500 juvenile offenders, many of whom are now adults. Prior to the

bill passing, those 6,500 juvenile offenders possessed no hope of ever getting out of prison. Now, there is inspiring purpose to convert their troubled minds, pasts and experiences.

What needs to be understood of these minors is that they are different from adults.

Their brains are not fully developed yet, and consequently, their proper decision-making abilities are inadequate compared to adults; it is a proven scientific fact that as the years progress, times change and people change. A 40-year-old person is not the same person they were at the age of 15—not in appearance or mindset. To capacity to change is usually doubted in these convicted juveniles but is absolutely possible.

The Anti-Recidivism Coalition, is a non-profit organization based in the Los Angeles area whose members are made of formerly incarcerated persons. Many of those individuals were convicted and handed down adult sentences as juveniles but are now released and in school, working and doing great things in their communities. ARC heavily advocated for and was influential in the passage of SB260.

Former gang member Ramon Escobar, 23, born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, is a



NEW LEASE ON LIFE - Senate Bill 260 gives convicted juvenile offenders a second chance at reform with the opportunity for early parole.

member of ARC who was incarcerated for crimes committed as a juvenile but has transitioned his life post release.

First arrested at 12 for attempted murder, Escobar served 18 months in a juvenile camp because he was too young to go California's Youth Authority, a prison for juveniles. He was released at 14, only out for one week before he was arrested again for another attempted murder. He was charged, sentenced to five years as an adult and spent his time in CYA, Chino, Ironwood and Delano prisons.

Ramon is now an ambassador for juvenile justice and is involved in mentoring youth in different re-entry programs. He is also a full-time college student and works at a prestigious entertainment law firm in Century City. Ramon turned his negative situation into a positive one and is a prime example of a juvenile offender who has drastically changed his life for the better.

"We are breaking statistics and chains that, by political standards, was impossible," said Escobar on behalf of ARC.

INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE WOULD THREATEN JOB MARKET

Increasing the minimum wage will drastically affect small businesses and employees alike.

JORDAN UTLEY-THOMSON
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California's miniscule recovery has convinced Gov. Jerry Brown that the economy needs a good kick to the face.

Job growth is slowing down, but that did not stop him from signing a bill that increases the state minimum wage to \$10 an hour by 2016.

One can imagine how excited the legislature is about those extra tax dollars. Increasing the minimum wage has many downsides.

Wages will go up, but skills in the labor force will not. Businesses will respond by raising prices and cutting employment.

A \$10 minimum wage is great for people who keep their jobs, but what about the unemployed? California's minimum wage is currently \$8 an hour, and if it is difficult to find a job in this economy with that, it will not be any better with an increase.

Even those who keep their jobs will be aggravated by shorter shift times and added responsibility. Suppose a fast-food restaurant employs three people to operate their respective registers for six hour shifts.

After a minimum wage increase, the fast-food restaurant will likely employ two people to work five hour shifts in order to offset the wage increase. Company growth will go down, employees will be overburdened by shift shortages and customers will be angry about longer wait times. Everyone loses.

Having said that, what if the extra pay covers the cuts in employee hours? At least they will have extra cash to spend, thus stimulating the economy, right?

If that were true, we could legislate to prosperity with \$50 an hour wages. More money, more problems.

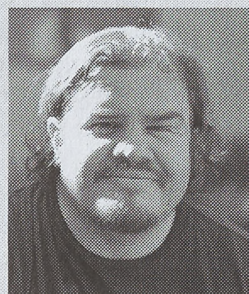
So why do politicians continue to push for a higher minimum wage? While it is a bad idea, it is a popular bad idea.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi told the Washington Post that "[Democrats] want to raise the minimum wage, and [Republicans] don't. Why not?" Well, many Republicans backed the minimum-wage increase when George Bush was president. In 2007, Bush signed a law that raised the federal minimum wage to its current rate.

The fact that the party of "small" government did this shows how hard it is to resist pressures from the public to do the wrong thing.

VALLEY VIEW

WHAT ARE YOUR FOOD OPTIONS ON AND OFF CAMPUS?



"I prefer Subway because it's healthier."

-GABRIELLE AYON
BUSINESS



"Off campus, I prefer pizza and shawarma. It's just food I grew up with, being that my dad is from Israel."

-ALEX CITROM
BUSINESS



"Food truck and the [former] LAVC Cafe. I also like Sharky's, but I prefer the food truck because they have a lot more options."

-SUSAN IZZOUR
COMPUTER SCIENCE



"I prefer to eat off campus because I have a bigger variety of choices, whatever food I'm in the mood for."

-JONATHAN MURALLES
COMPUTER SCIENCE



"I am not a picky eater, so anything that's open."

-FRANK FELIX
MACHINING

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FREE WEDNESDAY CONCERT SERIES

STUDENTS JAZZ IT UP DURING FREE CONCERT

Concertgoers enjoyed the sounds of Pip Clarke and Marcelo Cesena.

EDWARD RUANO
STAFF WRITER

Valley College students were treated to a free, hour-long recital this past Wednesday in the Music Recital Hall, as part of the Free Wednesday Concert Series. The performance featured two distinguished, world-renowned artists: violinist Pip Clarke and pianist Marcelo Cesena.

The audience was mainly composed of students in music or music appreciation classes, but the doors were open to the public. The recital's repertoire was carefully chosen and demonstrated each musician's ability to play a range of different tones. Clarke and Cesena performed works by Edward Elgar, Fritz Kreisler, Béla Bartók, Antonín Dvořák and César Franck.

"The show was very intense," said Andrew Pacia, an undecided major. "[Clarke] was very passionate."

The performance began with Clarke and Cesena's rendition of "Chanson de Matin" by Elgar, a somber piece, transitioning gracefully to Clarke's solo performance of "Recitativo und Scherzo" by Kreisler.

Cesena joined Clarke again for other works by Bartók and Dvořák before both artists finished the show with the appropriate "Sonata for Violin and Piano" by Franck. The crowd responded to the recital with enthusiasm and



DYNAMIC DUO - Pianist Marcelo Cesena and violinist Pip Clarke performing at the Free Wednesday Concert Series on Sept. 25, inside the Music Recital Hall.

gave standing applause between songs while they eagerly waited to hear the next piece.

Cesena, a Brazilian concert pianist, has performed solo and with other artists in prestigious concert halls throughout Brazil, Italy, Bosnia, France and the United States. He is a highly praised pianist in the world of classical music and won multiple awards, such as the 2009 and 2013 Brazilian International Press Award for "The best Brazilian musician living in America."

Clarke's reputation in the world of classical music is equally

impressive. She has demonstrated to be one of the most prominent violinists of her generation, releasing two albums between 1994 and 2006: Romantic Violin Showpieces and After a Dream. Her musical talent has taken her touring across the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. In October 2007, Clarke gave her sold-out debut in the Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall.

"[Clarke] was amazing," said Jonathan Corral, a voice major who attended the concert. "The repertoire was beautifully chosen and really showcased her abilities.

It was really amazing musicianship."

Clarke's sound was mostly tender and melancholic, coupled with small bursts of rapid intensity and energy during parts of her performance of "Romanian Dances" by Bartók. She displayed her emotions on her face, mostly tender for pieces like "Chanson de Matin." Clarke was impressive to watch and left each note lingering with a gorgeous tone.

Cesena's fervent performance demonstrated his extraordinary musical capacity. His playing style was dynamic and executed to

match the various styles brought on by the violin. Much of the pleasure in the sound came from the musical chemistry between Cesena and Clarke; both musicians transitioned through all of the pieces smoothly and fluidly, with music bouncing off of each other in a call and response fashion.

The next free Wednesday concert will be Oct. 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, room 106 of the Music Building. The upcoming show will feature Les Sauvages Américains, a new Los Angeles-based ensemble.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

GRANDEST OF THEM ALL

GRAND THEFT AUTO V

RATING: ★★★★★ OUT OF 5

ZAIN ABOURAIA
OPINION EDITOR

The latest entry in the critically acclaimed Grand Theft Auto series is truly a masterpiece and surely the crowning jewel of the developer, Rockstar North.

GTA V is the single greatest third-person shooter ever made. Once consumers pop this game into their consoles, they can say goodbye to their significant others for at least 30 hours.

The story is better than most movies made in the past 15 years, and that conclusion can be drawn after only the first 15 minutes of game time.

The environment is eerily similar to real-life Los Angeles to the point where players will recognize places, like the Santa Monica Pier and the Salton Sea, certain types of people, such as gangsters, bikers and typical vapid corporate Tinseltown types, and the story is set against the player's choice of a slew of radio stations, varying from classic rock with songs from artists such as Bob Seeger to current pop stations with tracks from Rihanna.

In classic Rockstar North fashion, the video game company's latest offering is done with the hilarious surrealism, compelling drama and hysterical humor it has become known for, with an abundance of everything people associate with the game, including cars, guns and unforgettable moments, such as when players drive through the plate glass window of a luxury car dealership at gunpoint while listening to Kendrick Lamar on the radio.

GTA V has the best story ever written for a video game; a deep and engrossing tale with three main characters, all of whom are controlled by the player, often in the same mission.

Cinematic moments are constant, heightening the overall experience to a level never seen or played before. If stealing an Audi RS8 and racing it down the street at top speed listening to Too Short on the radio is not the pinnacle of fun, then nothing is.

The game play is phenomenal with fine-tuned controls that are tight and responsive. Shooting and driving feel so good that when gamers die, they will know it is entirely their fault. There are variable aiming modes and aiming speed options. There are 15 different guns, most of which can be fully customized with extended clips, suppressors, flashlights and the like. The cars handle amazingly. Every car handles and performs so differently and so obviously that it adds another layer of realism to the entire experience. All cars are modifiable; players can add body kits, change the paint job, add a bigger engine, better brakes, new transmission—everything except nitrous.

There are so many things to do at any given time: story missions, side-missions that are never derivative, activities that are designed to be stand-alone games and unique dynamic events that occur randomly wherever the player might be at any given moment, such as walking into a clothing store being robbed and deciding whether to stop the perpetrator. All of the options can be overwhelming. None of this makes GTA V the best third-person shooter ever made, however: the details do.

The hilarious commercials, such as the "Ego Chaser" energy bar, non-player character dialogue and the abundance of unique sounds, objects and experiences make the suspension of disbelief a non-event. It might be the best game made yet.

WRITING WORKSHOPS HELP REFINE SKILLS

ALTON PITRE
STAFF WRITER

The Writing Center offers free weekly walk-in workshops for students to help them improve and sharpen their writing skills.

Writing workshop "Types of Phrases and their Punctuation" was held on Sept. 23 and conducted by English instructor Kristina Yegoryan, the center's workshop leader, in the Library and Academic Resource Center. She has been with the center for seven years and is in her third semester teaching as an instructor.

Yegoryan instructed a descriptive and elaborate class. Students remained quiet but were very attentive. Hesitancy was not an issue, and they were avid in questioning the instructor any time something was not comprehended.

"We want to help the students in developing their skills in grammar, syntax, essay writing and research," Yegoryan said. "Writing is very important because it gives students a chance to express ideas, especially in a coherent, grammatically and well-

organized manner using the academic standards of writing."

She explained important linguistic units: morphemes, words, phrases, clauses and sentences. She then broke it down in pyramid form and defined every term. Also covered were the different parts of speech and what comprises a complete sentence.

Undecided major Diana Khandzhyan attended the workshop to enhance her writing skills.

"I found this workshop very useful because it helped me understand the types of phrases and their punctuation more clearly than my English class," said Khandzhyan.

This was her first time attending the seminar, but Khandzhyan said she will participate in future workshops—even if it were not a requirement for her English class.

"Writing is very important to me because English is something you need every day," Khandzhyan said.

The Writing Center is offering more free writing workshops for students in the future. For more information, visit the center in room 229 of the library or call 818-947-2810.

PRODUCT REVIEW

LUSH PUT TO TEST

OCEAN SALT
FACE AND BODY SCRUB

RATING: ★★★★★ OUT OF 5

JHANELLE RIVERA
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Adding LUSH's handmade Ocean Salt Face and Body Scrub to a morning routine will rapidly dissolve pimples while leaving the pleasant scent of freshly squeezed lime juice.

One modest scoop a day of LUSH's Ocean Salt from the black container pot will maintain a smooth and silky texture to one's face. The natural blend of sea salt, organic lime juice extracted in vodka and avocado butter is a great compromise for customers to have an affordable at home spa treatment for the price of \$35.95.

The label claims that massaging the "vodka-infused cocktail" on one's body removes dead skin while creating a silky texture, and the product lives up to that promise. With how rough the coarse salt is, one will not doubt its effectiveness. The abrasive texture assures that unwanted particles will be scraped away.

After a week of use, others notice a glow, and not one spec of acne remains. The creator of the organic product, who is known as DIL B10, balanced out the harshness of the sea salt while using fresh avocado cream, which smooths the skin.

Besides visual proof, the enjoyment of the citrus scent draws attention. Compliments were given about the odor, and many asked if this product was a fragrance. By using this scrub, it will eliminate the need to purchase perfumes, which

can be a penny saver.

Coupling saving the environment and saving money in customer's pocket, the cosmetic brand allows consumers to recycle five clean pots to receive a free, fresh mask. LUSH's Ocean Salt and Body Scrub is a must for anyone's shower organizer who desires to have healthy skin.

HELPING HANDS
HEALING, SOOTHING
HANDCREAM

RATING: ★★★★★ OUT OF 5

CAMILA TABAR
STAFF WRITER

LUSH's Helping Hands proves to be a soothing remedy for cracked knuckles and perpetually dry palms. Just shy of a miracle, after a week of use, parched hands will find themselves completely transformed.

Without the residue or stickiness of most extra-strength moisturizers, Helping Hands delivers the same, if not better, results with a cleaner feel. Priced at \$18.95 for 3.5 ounces, it also serves as a wallet-friendly alternative to high-end products like Aveda's \$22 Hand Relief or Lancôme's \$45 Absolute Hand.

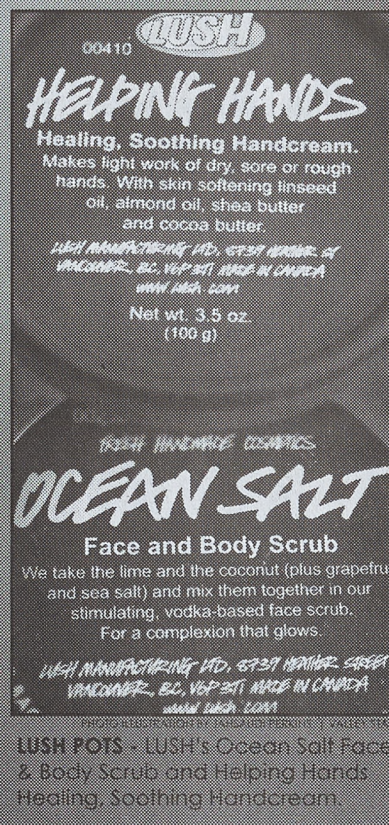
However, while the results are undeniable, the odor is more of an acquired taste. Helping Hands uses a potent combination of lavender and African marigold oils to create a very distinct scent. LUSH is known for their mixes of natural herbs and oils, but sometimes these ingredients smell a little more like swap-meet incense than fresh lavender. Pungent and indiscreet, the overtly feminine, floral smell will most likely interfere with any perfume or cologne.

Over time, the fragrance becomes for the most part tolerable,

if not enjoyable, but that will surely vary from person to person. Regardless, it is a necessity for those who hope to weather the dry climate ahead, and definitely worth a shot for anyone who washes their hands with harsh antiseptics.

For eco-advocates and animal-lovers alike, LUSH is a proud advocate of recycling and animal rights. Most of their containers (all the black pots) are made from 100 percent recycled material, while the rest can be returned to be recycled after use. If customers bring back five clean LUSH pots, they can even receive a free fresh facemask. Also, in solidarity with the fight against animal testing in cosmetics, all of their products are vegetarian and proudly display a "Fighting Animal Testing" logo.

For more information on LUSH products, visit <http://www.lushusa.com>



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BITTER LOSS - In a narrow defeat, the Monarchs had their first loss of the season Saturday, losing to Santa Barbara 25-23.

MONARCHS LOSE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON

Valley College falls short to Santa Barbara in this past Saturday's game.

MATTHEW ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

There were 924 combined yards gained on offense by both teams. But the game came down to the right leg of Santa Barbara sophomore Marcus Hoerberg who kicked the game-winning field goal in the Vaqueros 25-23 victory Saturday over the Monarchs.

A visitor could get lost in the beautiful atmosphere that surrounds La Playa Stadium that includes a direct view of the Pacific Ocean. But the Monarchs (3-1 overall, 0-1 Pacific League) were focused on winning, led by the efforts of quarterback Patrick Tyler (338 yards total offense and he accounted for three scores), receiver Darion Hackett (9 catches for 110 yards) and defensive back Jeremi Ross (12 tackles and one interception).

The Monarchs kicked off the scoring when Tyler ran 13

yards untouched to the right corner of the end zone to give his team a 6-0 lead. Freshman kicker Bonifasio Rojas missed the extra point so the score stood at 6-0.

On third and 14 during SBC's ensuing drive, quarterback Tyler Evans dropped back and fired downfield near his right sideline into the hands of a leaping Ross who returned the theft 2 yards to the LAVC 38 yard line.

Much later in the first quarter, receiver Joshua Martin extended his long arms to catch an Evans' screen pass, then the receiver looked down field for a target but couldn't find anyone, so he ran to his left where he was aided by a huge block from receiver Jacob Arnell, who hit the trailing Ross so hard that it suspended the game for a few minutes so trainers could attend to the defensive back.

Martin's 15-yard run set up an Evans 11 yard touchdown pass to Arnell who fought off tight coverage from cornerback Chris Bush to secure the pass near the left corner of the end zone. The extra point failed so the score remained 6-6 with 59.2 seconds left in the first quarter.

A promising Vaquero drive ended when safety Zach Kelley quickly jumped on a Vaquero fumble at the Valley 41-yard line. Seven plays later, Tyler followed fullback Eric Sedrakyan and pulling guard Anthony Romualdo into the end zone to give Valley a 17-6 lead with 10:14 left in the first half.

But with 1:20 left in the third quarter, running back Connor Husted sneakily climbed into the end zone from a yard out to give the Vaqueros their first lead of the game at 22-17.

But Valley countered when receiver Lawrence Oliver leaped, then turned his torso to his left to catch a 10 yard Tyler scoring pass to give the Monarchs a 23-22 lead with 11:09 left in the game.

With 2:21 left, Max Gates punted 37 yards to the SBC 7 where it was quickly downed by freshman defensive back Wallace Daglish. And it was on that 7-yard line where SBC began their 12-play game-winning drive.

The Monarchs travel to Lancaster to play the Antelope Valley Marauders Saturday at 7:00 PM.

VALLEY WELCOMES NEW FRESHMAN QUARTERBACK

Freshman quarterback Patrick Tyler is hopeful of playing at the next level.

JORGE BELON
STAFF WRITER

Standing at 6-foot-3, Patrick Tyler is the current offensive leader on the gridiron for Valley College.

"I had forgotten about football after dislocating my shoulder," said 22-year-old Tyler. "I dislocated my shoulder on the last game of my senior year in high school."

After graduating from Santee High School in 2010, Tyler stepped away from playing football but could not refrain himself from watching his older brothers.

"Watching my brothers play got me motivated to get back out there,"

said Tyler.

Once the former Falcon got back into shape, he was ready to get back on the field for college ball. Tyler intended to enroll at a different college, but he decided to come to Valley to be closer to his girlfriend.

"I was about to go to East Los Angeles [College]," said Tyler, "but my girlfriend went to CSUN, so I tried out for Valley."

The South Central native could not be happier with his decision to be a Monarch.

"I am proud that I came here," said Tyler. "I would not be the player I am today if it was not for coach Kerr and the rest of the staff."

Coach Larry Kerr thinks the team benefits from his presence.

"We would be a very good team without him," said Kerr. "But we are better with him."

In the four games Valley has

played this season, Tyler has thrown for a total of 1,190 yards, completed 59 percent of his passes, delivering 12 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

He has also ran for a total of 135 yards in 50 attempts, while also getting two rushing touchdowns in the process.

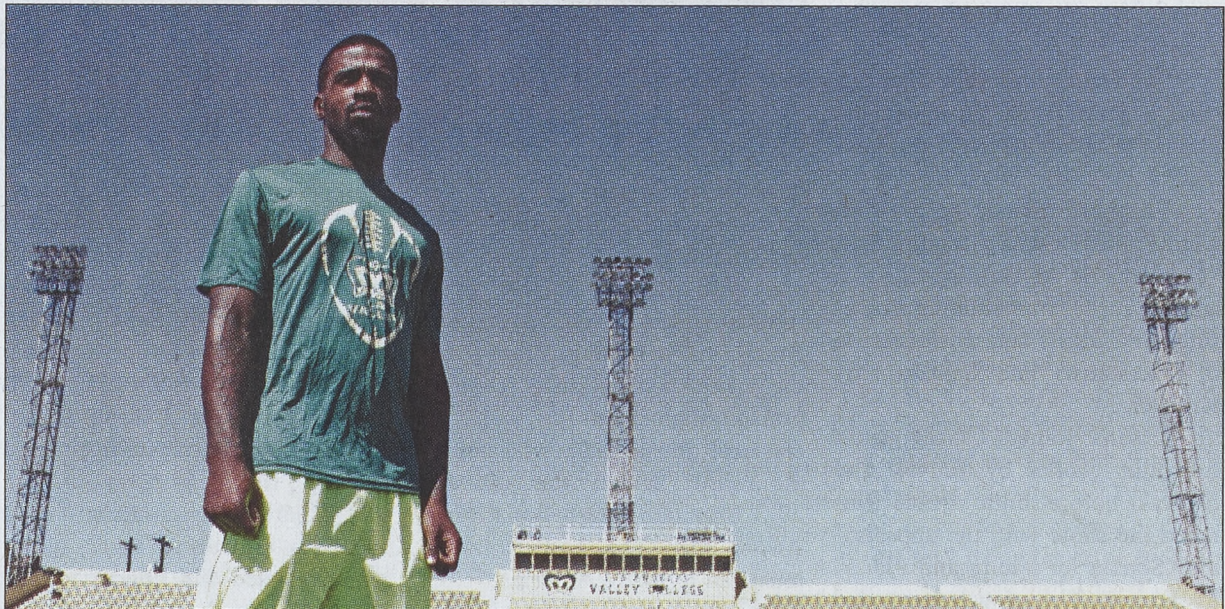
"I am a pass first quarterback," said Tyler. "So, I want to improve my arm and complete more of my passes."

Tyler is not quick to take all the credit.

"My offensive line helps and makes my job easier," said Tyler.

Kerr believes that his quarterback does have the talents and the determination to go further in his football career, and Tyler has the desire to play at higher levels.

"I want to play in Division 1 football," said Tyler. "I want to play in the NFL as well."



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NEW LEADERSHIP ON THE GRIDIRON - Freshman quarterback Patrick Tyler follows his heart on and off the field.

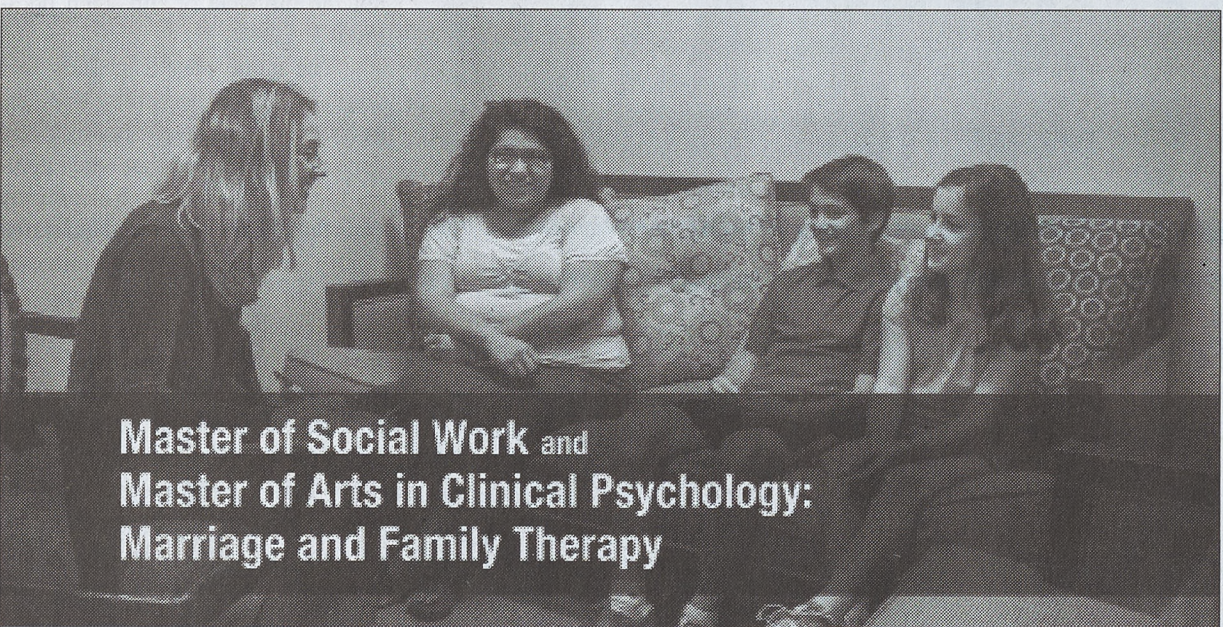


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